

NSC BRIEFING

15 July 1954

INDOCHINA

I. Viet Minh pressure on shrinking  
perimeter increasing.

- A. Troops 304th Division  
harassing Hung Yen sector.
- B. Elements 308th Division  
have probed Luc Nam area.

II.

possible

enemy move cut delta in two, thus  
hastening Hanoi's fall.

DIA review  
completed.

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RE-REVIEW

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A. Large-scale attack from Luc  
Nam and Hung Yen would prob-  
ably be accompanied by 312th  
Division move toward Hanoi.

1. 312th Division probing

Vinh Yen area; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] continu-

III. [REDACTED]  
ing heavy Chinese aid.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C. Capabilities delta attack  
sharply strengthened since  
Dien Bien Phu.

IV. Army attaché reports French thinking  
"keyed to departure" Tonkin delta.

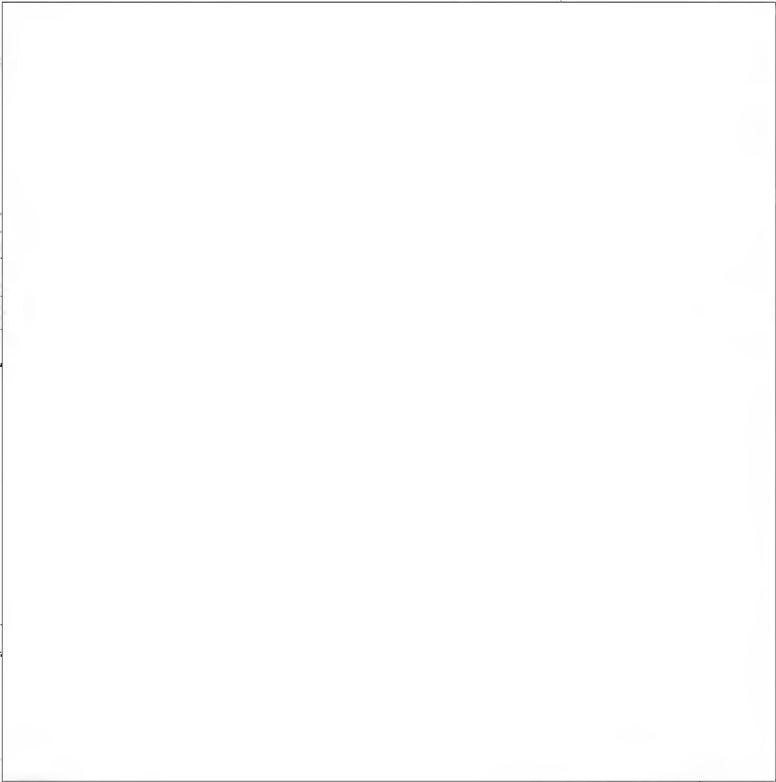
A. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] negotiations now on with  
Viet Minh to grant French  
uncontested passage from delta  
once cease-fire agreed.

B. Attaché notes "limiting factor"  
fresh water supply Haiphong  
if French forced make stand  
there.

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1. Sabotage already cut supply  
by three quarters; enemy  
claims it able eliminate  
entire supply.

V. Meanwhile, Viet Minh apparently  
attempting strengthen bargaining  
position in Annam.



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